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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 BLAKE L. WARNER,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 ALCOA ELECTRICAL AGENCY, *et al.*,

12 Defendants.

NO. C19-1884RSL

ORDER REFERRING MOTION TO
APPOINT COUNSEL TO THE
SCREENING COMMITTEE


13 This matter comes before the Court on plaintiff's "Application for Court-Appointed
14 Counsel" (Dkt. # 9) and plaintiff's Amended Complaint (Dkt. # 11). Mr. Warner is proceeding
15 *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*. The Court has discretion to request a court-appointed attorney on
16 Mr. Warner's behalf, see 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1), and this District has implemented a plan for
17 court-appointed representation of civil rights litigants. The plan requires the Court to assess a
18 plaintiff's case before forwarding a request for counsel to the Pro Bono Screening Committee for
19 further review and possible appointment of pro bono counsel. See General Order, August 1,
20 2010, Section 3(c). In its initial assessment, the Court evaluates the case to ensure that the claims
21 are not frivolous and that the plaintiff is financially eligible. *Id.* Mr. Warner recently amended
22 his complaint in response to the Court's Order Requiring More Definite Statement. The amended
23 complaint, read liberally and in conjunction with the attached documents, alleges that the three
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1 named defendants were interested in interviewing Mr. Warner until he requested an ASL
2 interpreter and/or a video teleconference. The amended complaint satisfies these criteria.

3 The Clerk of Court is therefore directed to forward to the Screening Committee Mr.
4 Warner's amended complaint (Dkt. # 11), his motion for court-appointed counsel (Dkt. # 9), and
5 a copy of this order for review and recommendation in accordance with the District's pro bono
6 plan. The Clerk of Court is also directed to renote Mr. Warner's motion for appointment of
7 counsel on the Court's calendar for Friday, June 5, 2020, to give the Screening Committee time
8 to make its recommendation.
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11 Dated this 6th day of April, 2020.

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13 Robert S. Lasnik
14 United States District Judge
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